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PAUL'S NOTE

Last week, I wrote about Chief Magnus's plans for the police department. Many of you still have questions about how this will work. My staff and I got some more details and some perspective from Assistant Chief Ramon Batista when he came by my office this week to discuss the Chief's reorganization of the department.

The most important thing that Chief Batista wanted to make clear was that there will be no layoffs. Unfortunately, a lot of the conversation around this seems to give that impression.

Batista wanted to emphasize that, in his words, "patrol is

the priority." He termed the plan "back to basics," and one that gives more ownership to each patrol division. All of this is to re-emphasize the patrol function of the department. Chief Magnus's plan is a lot like what he did when he ran the department in Richmond, California and one of the reasons my colleagues and I were supportive of him.

As I wrote before, the centerpiece of the plan is moving officers from special assignments into patrol. Some detectives would be moved into the various divisions around the city. The plan makes more officers available to calls for service which enables the

captains to put more police in the field and gives both commanders and patrol officers the ability to be responsible for their areas.

The chief made this decision after consultations with leaders in the department. In addition to being able to fully staff patrol squads (which has been difficult under the current staffing structure), the added officers and detectives in each division gives the local division captain autonomy to deal with local issues.

The plan includes many other changes as well. Chief Magnus is projecting the plan to save the city \$14.5 million. He is asking that half of those savings go

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back to the department for new critical infrastructure that the officers need to do their job in a modern, contemporary manner. This would mean new vehicles to replace our aging fleet as well as equipment for officers, such as cell phones.

This potentially lays the fiscal foundation for future pay increases. The new structure will also change the incentive system to one that encourages career track officers to stay in patrol or become detectives rather than go to special assignments.

Assistant Chief Batista gave Chief Magnus a lot of credit for opening the department up to some new ideas. I'm glad we have both of them steering our Police Department through these challenging times.

KOLB/SABINO CANYON EXTENSION

Construction of the extension of Sabino Canyon Road to Kolb Road is in progress. Tucson-based Ashton Company was selected as contractor for the project with a low bid of approximately \$12.3 million.

Project schedule: The contractor began minor construction activities in mid-December to clear the entire length of the project, with major construction activity occurring after the first of the year.

The construction of the noise wall adjacent to the Pantano II neighborhood is expected to be completed by March 21, 2016, with construction of the noise wall adjacent to Udall Park beginning shortly thereafter. As the project progresses, further updates will be forthcoming.

Construction will occur Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the winter months.

Work will take approximately 15 months to complete (weather permitting) with an anticipated completion date of Feb. 28, 2017.

Please visit the website at SabinoKolbConnection.info for additional information.

If you would like to be added to the list for email updates, please contact Lori Lantz at lori@gordleygroup.com or 327-6077.

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

This is a note from László Veres, who has conducted community concerts for the Arizona Symphonic Winds at Udall Park for decades:

Join me and the Arizona Symphonic Winds as we celebrate our 30th anniversary with a “Gala Concert” at the Catalina Foothills High School Auditorium on Sunday March 20th at 2:00PM.

“I’ve Got Rhythm” by Gershwin, Bernstein’s selections from “Candide”, the gigantic “Finale” from Brahms’ 1st Symphony and a world premier of “Sonoran Celebration” by composer Mark Wolfram commissioned by the Winds for this 30th anniversary will display the virtuosity of the Winds ensemble.

This gala concert includes the appearance of Korby Myrick, an internationally critically acclaimed and classically trained mezzo soprano specializing in opera and other genres of music. Her impeccable artistry has earned the praise of the “Opera News” magazine.

...László Veres, Conductor

Notes from Mark Wolfram composer:

“Sonoran Celebration” is a concert overture which was inspired by the great Sonoran desert. The work uses a series of celebratory fanfare motifs which are woven throughout the piece – sometimes brassy and boisterous, sometimes warm and smooth – depicting the vast breath, beauty and variety of the Sonoran desert. Woodwind and brass choirs answer each other’s statements – ultimately combining to depict the majesty of the desert. This upbeat work features many soloists and every section in the band.

Là le Pàidrig Agat!



*May your home always be too small to
hold all your friends. - Irish Toast*

PARKS PROGRAMS

Tax Aide: AARP free tax aide is offering services at Udall Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 pm through April 13, 2016.

Eggstravaganza: The 15th Annual Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mansfield Park (2000 N 4th Ave). The free family event will include fun carnival games, egg hunt, prizes and the Easter Bunny.

Spring 2016 Leisure Classes: Session II of Spring classes begin March 20.

Summer 2016 Activity Guide: Watch for the Summer Tucson Parks and Recreation 2016 Activity Guide which will be published on Monday, April 18, 2016. The Activity Guide will have complete information on classes, programs, aquatics, and registration. The guide can also be viewed at www.ezeereg.com.

Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for more information or questions.

Facility Closures: All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed Monday, March 28 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. The KIDCO after-school program will operate as normal.

Udall Pool: The Udall Pool located at 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd will begin its Spring schedule on April 1st. Call 791-4004 for pool hours and additional information.



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**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 22**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

